

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure
FIRST_NAME

Definition: The first name of the respondent.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable. Click on the question number of the chosen schedule to view more details.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911	3				
1921	3	3	3		
1931	3	3	3		
1941	4	4	3		
1951					

Census Guide, 1911

A. Census Question	Name of each person in family, household or institution.
B. Question Number	3 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME TITLE
D. Reference Point	As of Census Day, June 1, 1911.
E. Total Target Population	7 206 648
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	80. Name of each person in family, household or institution. The members of the family or household in column 3 are to be entered in the following order, namely: Head first, wife second, then sons and daughters in the order of their ages, and lastly relatives, servants, boarders, lodgers or other persons living in the family or household. The persons in an institution may be described as officer, principal, inmate, patient, prisoner, pupil, etc. 81. How to write names. The last name or surname is to be written first, then the given name in full. Where the surname is the same as that of the person in the preceding line it should not be repeated. See Sample Schedule.
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Name of each person in family, household or institution.
B. Question Number	Column 3 of Forms 1A, 1B, and 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME TITLE
D. Reference Point	As of Census Day, June 1, 1921.
E. Total Target Population	8 788 483
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	69. Column 3. Name of each person in family, household or institution. The names of every person whose usual place of abode on June 1, 1921, was with the family or in the dwelling house for which the enumeration is being made are to be entered in the following order, namely: Head first, wife second, then sons and daughters in the order of their ages, and lastly relatives, servants, boarders, lodgers or other persons living in the family or household. The persons in an institution may be described as officer, principal, inmate, patient, prisoner, pupil, etc. 70. How to write names. The names or surname is to be written first, then the given name in full. Where the surname is the same as that of the person in the preceding line it should not be repeated.
I. Remarks	NOTE: To ensure that no individuals can be identified, confidentiality measures restrict the release of identifying details.

Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Name of each person in family, household or institution.
B. Question Number	3 on Schedule 1-A and 1-B
C. Variable(s) and Codes	FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME TITLE
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target Population	
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Every person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	82. Column 3: Name of each person in family, household or institution. The names of every person whose usual place of abode on June 1, 1931, was with the family or in the dwelling house for which the enumeration is being made are to be entered in the following order, namely: Head, first, wife, second, then sons and daughters in the order of their ages, and lastly, relatives, servants, boarders, lodgers or other persons living in the family or household. The persons in an institution may be described as officer, principal, inmate, patient, prisoner, pupil, etc. 83. How to write names. The last name or surname is to be written first, then the given name in full. Where the surname is the same as that of the person in the preceding line it should not be repeated.
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1941

A. Census Question	Name Of each person in household. (Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initials if any). Include every person living at midnight on June 1, 1941. Omit children born after midnight June 1, 1941.
B. Question Number	Column 4 of Forms 1A and 1B; 3 of Form 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	FIRST_NAME LAST_NAME TITLE
D. Reference Point	As of midnight on June 1, 1941.
E. Total Target Population	11 506 655
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Every person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	73. (1) How to enter a person's name. The last name or surname is to be written first, then the given name commonly used followed or preceded by initials of other given names, such as: Smith, Richard J; Jones, C. Paul, etc. In the case of a new-born baby who has not yet been given a name, the entry "infant" shall be made. Where the surname is the same as on the line above, it should not be written again, but "ditto" marks should be entered instead. (See Specimen Schedule) (2) What names are to be listed? All persons living in the household i.e., all persons who regularly sleep there. Among persons to be included, are infants born before and persons who died after midnight of June 1, 1941. If there is in the household a person who has come to Canada from another country in 1939, 1940, or 1941, as a result of war conditions without the intention of making a permanent stay in Canada, though here for the duration of the war, such a person shall be enumerated as a member of the household and the Enumerator shall write the letter "x" after the year of immigration in column 22. This will include persons who are in Canada as refugees and evacuees for the duration of the war but not persons who are in Canada of official missions. The Enumerator shall not list the names of infants born after midnight of June 1, 1941, nor persons who died before this hour. Persons staying temporarily with the household who have a permanent residence elsewhere

	shall not be enumerated. (3) Before starting to list the persons, the Enumerator shall ascertain whether or not all the persons living in the dwelling form only one household or more than one. (See Instruction 72 (2) household defined.) If there is more than one household living in the dwelling, each one will be listed separately and given a separate number in column 3. (4) Order of listing. The names of the persons belonging to each household shall be listed one after the other in column 4 in the following order: Head of the household, wife of the head, unmarried children in order of age, married children with their families, other relatives, servants and other employees, boarders and lodgers and other persons belonging to the household. The Enumerator shall see that every such household has a number in column 3. (5) Persons in institutions. Names of persons belonging to the general institutional household shall be entered in the following order: head officer, employees, inmates, etc. Separate households in one institution, such as households consisting of an army officer and family living in special officers' quarters in barracks, or a doctor and his family living in special quarters provided by a hospital, etc., shall be entered separately from the general institutional household and given a separate number in column 3.
I. Remarks	

Codes: None

Remarks: The CCRI did not capture the name from the 1951 census.